

Long Term Remediation Outreach Plan – Phase 1

Plan Duration: Through Nov 30, 2015

Outreach Purpose: EPA will support CDPHE in community outreach regarding long term remediation of the Upper Animas Watershed. The goals of this initial phase of outreach are as follows:

- gathering information about stakeholder goals for the Upper Animas Watershed;
- understanding concerns about a possible Superfund NPL designation and gauging level of support.
- providing accurate information about long-term remediation strategies, agency tools including the NPL and funding sources.
- providing options for stakeholder involvement leading up to a superfund designation (ie bringing in a neutral facilitator) and understanding how each entity would like to participate in next steps.
- identifying key point of contacts within each group/entity for future discussions

Strategy: Overall the strategy relies on small group meetings with individual stakeholder groups to listen, gather and share information. Over the next 2 months conduct a series of one-on-one or small group meetings to gather and provide information which will lead to designing next steps. It is possible that San Juan and La Plata County or others may want to take the lead in organizing broader stakeholder meetings so this strategy is fluid. EPA may be asked to attend stakeholder meetings organized by outside entities to provide information about the NPL and Superfund process and should be prepared to do so alongside CDPHE. When possible EPA and CDPHE will attend meetings jointly. When appropriate, the EPA CIC will conduct meetings/calls to maximize efficiency. Additionally, La Plata County plans to tour other Colorado Superfund sites with CDPHE and, if appropriate, EPA staff/managers will attend.

At this end of this initial phase, recommendations will be made regarding next steps.

Detailed Communication Actions

Stakeholder Category	Stakeholder Affiliation/Name	Meeting Format	Primary Issues	Who	When
Local Elected Officials	Silverton Town Administrator, Bill Gardner	One-on-one discussion: in person	Understanding the “Silverton Proposal”, interests, concerns and level of support for NPL.	CDPHE, Monica Sheets	Sept 23
	La Plata County Commissioner, Julie XXXX	One-on-one discussion: phone call	Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to inform commissioners	CDPHE, Monica Sheets	Sept 30
	San Juan County and Silverton representative, Anthony Edwards	Meeting with Cynthia and Denver on Conference call	Discuss previous Questions	Cynthia P; Joan Card, Johanna Miller and Bill Murray	Week of Oct 5
	La Plata County Administrator, XXXX	One-on-one discussion: in person or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL.	CDPHE, Monica Sheets or Cynthia Peterson	Week of Oct 12
	La Plata County Commission Chair, Gwen L.	One-on-one discussion: in person or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to inform commissioners	EPA, Shaun McGrath and/or CDPHE Martha Rudolf	Week of Oct 5 or 12th
	San Juan County Administrator, Joe Kirby	One-on-one discussion: in person or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to inform commissioners	CDPHE, Monica Sheets or Cynthia Peterson	Week of Oct 12
	City of Durango, Mayor Brookie or City Administrator	One-on-one discussion: in person or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to	Shaun and Martha?	Week of Oct 12

			inform city council		
	As requested with various elected boards (San Juan County Commissioners, La Plata County Commissioners, etc)	Working sessions	Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns & questions	CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray	As requested
	La Plata and San Juan County officials	Site Tours of Colorado SF Sites organized by La Plata County		CDPHE lead	To Be Scheduled by La Plata County
State Agencies	DNR, Executive Director, Mike King	One-on-one discussion: in person or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns, ideas about long term remediation options and level of support for NPL.	EPA, Shaun McGrath and/or CDPHE Martha Rudolf	
	DRMS Director, Ginny Brannon	One-on-one discussion: in person or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns, ideas about long term remediation options and level of support for NPL; ideas for next steps	CDPHE: Monica Sheets, EPA: J. Miller	
Tribal Governments	Southern Ute Environmental Director and staff	In person meeting (perhaps combine with Ute Mtn Ute)	Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ meeting	CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray; R Brown	
	Ute Mountain Ute Environmental Director and staff	In person meeting	Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ meeting	CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B	

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NGOs and Other Stakeholders	ARSG Coordinators	In person meeting	Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ Meet with coordinators	CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray	
	Trout Unlimited	In person meeting		CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray	
	State Elected Officials representing Animas River Region		Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ individual or group meeting	CDPHE	
Other Federal Agencies	US Forest Service and BLM executive Level	In person meeting or phone	Understanding the interests, concerns, ideas about long term remediation options and level of support for NPL.	Shaun and/or Martin	
	US FS and BLM mid management and staff (with DRMS staff?)	In person meeting in SW Colorado	Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, data availability next steps	Victor K; Rob Parker	Week of Oct 12
Congressional Delegation			Results of community discussion, next steps	S. McGrath	Mid Nov

Information/Outreach materials needed:

- Example letters of support from local governments and State Governor
- Fact Sheets on Superfund Generally and the Upper Animas specifically
- General Powerpoint presentation including what we know about the water quality in the Upper Animas and the mining district
- Q&A's about Superfund
- Talking Points on EPA/CDPHE recommendation about a path forward and why